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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' continuing duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.97 (b)(3), the following patents are brought to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and specifically to the attention of the Examiner assigned to the subject patent application. The submitted documents are listed on the attached PTO Form. A copy of any cited reference which is not a U.S. patent is enclosed herewith.

U.S. PATENT REFERENCES

Patent No.	Date	Inventor
2,005,072	06/18/35	Booharin
2,086,325	07/06/37	Frankel
4,174,710	11/20/79	Pampuch
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### FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
GB 2078491	01/13/82	UK
DE 19834688	02/03/00	DE
DE 7715247	08/25/77	DE
EP 0057517	08/11/82	DE
DE 3924033	02/28/91	DE
DE 8710165	10/01/87	DE

### CONCISE EXPLANATION OF NON-ENGLISH REFERENCES

A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language prior art patents under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), as presently understood by the individual designated in §1.56(c) as most knowledgeable about the content of the information is set forth below.

#### **DE 19834688**

This reference appears to disclose the texturing of a seal profile used around vehicle access openings, such as doors, flaps, or hoods of motor vehicles. A laser is used to inscribe a transverse fish scale pattern which prevents undesirable slip-stick noises.

#### **DE 7715247**

This reference appears to disclose a method of protecting railroad passenger cars from corrosion due to exposure from the weather. An elastomeric material is used for a form of weather stripping as shown in the FIG. M.2:1.

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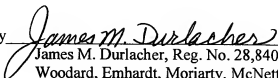
This reference appears to disclose an article of clothing including a chemical warfare agent resistant liner that has absorbing characteristics, worn under outer combat garments or other garments which may be worn by military personnel.

DE 8710165

This reference appears to disclose a protective suit of chemically resistant layered fabric, which completely covers the person wearing the protective suit and includes a hood with a protruding window framework for a protective mask. The protective suit also includes trousers, suspenders, an upper section, gloves and boots. The protective suit also includes a rubber strip that extends over the belly of the wearer to connect the upper portion and trouser portion of the suit.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with the above-identified patent application. It is believed that no additional fee is required for submission of this Statement. Should any additional fee be required, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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